

REMARKS

Applicants would originally like to thank the Examiner for consideration of the references in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement as evidenced by the checked box for Attachment (3) on the summary sheet of the Office Action. However, Applicant's copy of the Office Action as received by counsel did not include the attached signed PTO-Form 1449. Applicants ask the Examiner to include a copy of the signed 1449 with the next official communication.

By the present amendment, claims 1-12 have been cancelled, thereby mooting the pending rejections. Claims 13-30 have been added to further define that which Applicants regard as their invention, and are believed patentably distinct over the prior art. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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